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Office Action Summary

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TURVEY, ROBERT R.

Examiner

RAMON O. RAMIREZ

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14, 17-28, 31 and 35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 15, 16, 29, 30, 32-34 and 36 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/26/03.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

Detailed Action

This is the first Office Action corresponding to original filing. The application contains 36 claims.

Information Disclosure Statement

Receipt is acknowledged of Information Disclosure Statement, which has been reviewed by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 12-14, 31 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jasmagy, Jr. (Pat No 4,844,400).

The patent to Jasmagy, Jr. discloses a suspension device comprising a hanging member (24), a backing member (18) and a suspension member (16) for receiving a container in a vertical position. The suspension member is defined by a wall member (12) wherein one side of the wall resists movement of the container from one direction, and the other side of the wall resists movement of the container from a second

position. As to the method claims, the suspension device shown by Jasmagy, Jr. can be used following the recited method steps.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5-7, and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jasmagy, Jr.

To make the different elements of Jasmagy, Jr. integral is considered to be an obvious matter of engineering choice since it has been held to be within the general skill of a worker in the art to make plural parts unitary and viceversa as a matter of obvious engineering choice. As to the specific shape of the suspension member, the same is also considered to be a matter of engineering choice to receive containers of different shapes; for example, a square shape for a square container, etc.

Claims 17-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jasmagy, Jr. in view of Goldman (Pat No 5,833,056).

The patent to Jasmagy, Jr. supports containers but does not describe them.

The patent to Goldman shows a container (60) comprising a lid (62) with a tab.

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It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have used a container as the one shown by Goldman with Jasmagy device as one of many containers capable of being used. As recited above, it has been held to be within the general skill of a worker in the art to make plural parts unitary and viceversa as a matter of obvious engineering choice.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 15, 16, 29, 30, 32-34 and 36 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

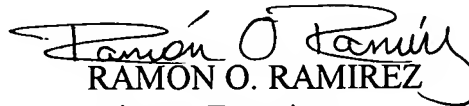
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Young (2,637,518), Weiss et al. (3,837,609), Smith (5,395,080) and Hermann (US 2004/0149877 A1) show support devices of interest.

A shortened period for response to this Office Action expires THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RAMON O. RAMIREZ whose telephone number is (703) 308-0748. The examiner can normally be reached on MONDAY-FRIDAY, IST FRIDAY OFF.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, LESLIE BRAUN can be reached on (703) 308-2156. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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